

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the application, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a hyperproliferative disease of the skin subject to treatment by inhibition of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, said disease selected from the group comprising:

psoriasis, acne vulgaris, actinic ketatoses, solar keratosis, squamous carcinoma *in situ*, ichthyoses, hyperkeratosis and disorders of keratinisation such as Darrier's disease; comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, wherein said inhibitor is comprising a compound selected from the group comprising:

~~carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.~~

41. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a hyperproliferative disease of the skin subject to treatment by inhibition of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, said disease selected from the group comprising:

psoriasis, acne vulgaris, and hyperkeratosis; comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, wherein said inhibitor is comprising a compound selected from the group comprising:

~~carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.~~

42. (Currently Amended) A method of treating psoriasis comprising administering, to a patient in need thereof, an inhibitor of the retinoic acid biosynthetic pathway, wherein said

inhibitor is comprising a compound selected from the group comprising: carbenoxolone, phenylarsine oxide, citral, 4-methylpyrazole, disulphiram and 3-mercaptopropionic acid.

43. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the disorder of keratinisation is Darrier's disease.